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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE ON JAMAICA

1. THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN THE JACK ANDERSON COLUMN WHICH WAS PRINTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST MARCH 16.
2. BEGIN TEXT. JAMAICAN SPYING--THE EMBATTLED LEFT-WING GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA HAS SENT AGENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES TO SPY ON PROMINENT JAMAICANS WHO ARE STASHING THEIR MONEY IN AMERICAN BANKS.

THE OFFICIAL JAMAICAN SPYING ALLEGEDLY WAS ORDERED BY THE CARIBBEAN ISLAND'S PRIME MINISTER, MICHAEL MANLEY, WHO IS TRYING TO SHORE UP HIS SHAKY ECONOMY. THE ONCE PEACEFUL ISLE HAS BEEN RACKED BY VIOLENCE AS MANLEY HAS JAILED HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS, AND MOTOR-RIDING THUGS SUPPORTING HIM HAVE BEATEN AND MURDERED HIS ENEMIES.

WHILE THE JAMAICAN SNOOPING IN THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT BE AS WIDESPREAD AS THE SECRET POLICE ACTIVITIES OF SOUTH
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KOREA, IRAN, CHILE OR THE SOVIET UNION, IT IS CLEARLY ON THE RISE. MANLEY HAS FORBIDDEN HIS COUNTRYMEN FROM TAKING MORE THEN 50 DOLLARS OFF THE ISLAND, AND JAMAICAN TRAVELERS ARE SEARCHED AS THEY LEAVE. NOW THE

PRIME MINISTER IS TRYING TO SEIZE THE ASSETS OF JAMAICANS ABROAD.

WORRIED JAMAICAN REFUGEES AND POTENTIAL EXILES HAVE FUNNELED AN ESTIMATED 300 MILLION DOLLARS INTO U.S. BANKS. SOME JAMAICANS HAVE SET UP TRUST FUNDS IN THE NAMES OF AMERICANS TO CONCEAL THEIR FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.

ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE AMERICAN BANKER TOLD US THAT AT LEAST TEN JAMAICANS COMPLAINED TO HIM THAT THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED TO U.S. BANKS BY AGENTS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. OTHER JAMAICANS, WHOSE NAMES WE ARE CONCEALING BECAUSE THEY FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES, CONFIRMED TO US THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TRAILED. SOME JAMAICANS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY TAX INVESTIGATORS, AND THERE WAS EVEN AN ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP ONE EXILE.

ONE JAMAICAN DIPLOMAT IS OFTEN SEEN PACING THROUGH A BANK LOBBY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR EXILE DEPOSITORS. THE DIPLOMAT QUESTIONED ONE JAMAICAN DEPOSITOR IN FULL VIEW OF THE BANK WORKERS. THE JAMAICAN COMMUNITY IN MIAMI, MEANWHILE, IS FULL OF MANLEY INFORMERS.

"WE ONLY TALK IN WHISPERS," ONE JAMAICAN EXILE TOLD US.

MEANWHILE, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD OF ANTI-MANLEY KILLERS IN JAMAICA WHO WERE TRAINED BY CUBAN EXILES CONNECTED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. MANLEY, FEARFUL OF ASSASSINATION, NOW HELICOPTERS TO SPOTS HE ONCE VISITED BY AUTO.

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FOOTNOTE: A JAMAICAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID NO SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES WERE BEING CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED STATES. "WE HAVE NO SUCH FORCE," HE SAID EMPHATICALLY. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULD NOT TAKE AN INTEREST IN THESE ILLEGAL REMITTANCES." END TEXT.
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